







# ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

## THE SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

# TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

## LYME, N. H.,

FOR THE

### YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.



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# REPORT

OF THE

## TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF LYME.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 1st, 1884,	\$494 44	
School money refunded,	70	
Overseer of poor, support of county poor,	142 53	
Highway district No. 16,	10 00	
“ “ “	6 91	
Bounty on woodchucks,	183 90	
Liquor agent,	25 00	
Savings Bank tax,	1,435 52	
Literary fund,	163 52	
Rail Road tax,	2 96	
School fund interest,	164 03	
Tax bill of 1883,	2,484 88	
“ “ 1884,	3,392 63	
	<hr/>	\$8,507 02

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Notes and interest,	\$1,406 37
Support of poor,	387 01
State tax,	1,176 00
County tax,	1,182 35
Work on highway,	788 22
Timber and plank,	250 02
Breaking roads,	270 12
School money,	1,319 64
School-house taxes,	348 81

Abatements,	126 29	
Town officers,	356 67	
Miscellaneous expenses,	440 66	
Cash on hand March 2nd, 1885,	454 86	
	<hr/>	\$8,507 02

## NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

School fund interest,	\$158 03	
Susan R. Morey,	618 50	
Baptist Society,	339 19	
B. T. Washburn,	290 65	
	<hr/>	\$1,406 37

## WORK ON HIGHWAY.

A. W. Pushee,	\$3 12	
M. C. Morrison,	2 41	
C. Stevens,	5 00	
John Stark,	27 50	
Oliver Goodell,	1 25	
F. J. Holt,	4 30	
Benj. Marshall, irons,	8 00	
R. V. Smith,	28 69	
H. A. Bailey,	3 12	
F. P. Sanborn,	268 35	
E. C. Abbott,	51 47	
F. F. Flint,	2 25	
J. Richardson,	37 75	
G. H. Gorden,	3 00	
J. Pellerin,	6 70	
J. Whipple,	24 58	
L. S. Derby,	11 00	
W. H. Moody,	13 57	
George Strew,	27 00	
H. B. Pierce,	6 94	
S. Woodward,	48 13	
John King,	8 75	
G. S. Mayo,	7 41	
Richardson & Shattuck,	63 90	
G. D. Winslow,	17 50	
E. H. Johnson,	11 56	
Stephen Sawyer,	7 50	



John A. Jewell,	23 07	
J. F. Daniels,	2 51	
J. F. Smalley, derrick,	5 75	
F. Holt,	4 25	
H. O. Webb,	1 00	
B. F. Bartlett,	6 00	
John Jewell,	6 28	
G. E. Barton,	10 28	
D. C. Steele,	2 25	
W. H. Melvin,	2 25	
Fred N. Warren,	2 91	
J. N. Holt,	4 20	
Erni Wilmot,	14 97	
C. H. Dimick,	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$788 22

## TIMBER AND PLANK FOR HIGHWAY.

Alvin Goodell,	\$33 46	
A. E. Sawyer,	14 00	
F. P. Sanborn,	34 12	
B. T. Washburn,	26 25	
T. B. Foote,	9 00	
W. W. Balch,	53 38	
G. S. Mayo,	8 04	
E. F. Sawyer,	10 26	
W. Thomas,	4 20	
Warren Bros.,	28 61	
H. H. Holt,	25 58	
J. C. & W. G. Piper,	3 12	
	<hr/>	\$250 02

## BREAKING ROADS.

W. W. Balch,	\$14 62	
J. A. Jewell,	23 00	
S. Bixby,	17 98	
J. Richardson,	25 50	
G. R. Bliss,	9 60	
Samuel King,	9 75	
R. V. Smith,	7 30	
J. M. Newcomb,	5 00	
Cyrus Dow,	4 00	

W. H. Moody,	4 24
J. M. Cook,	2 62
John King,	8 05
D. C. Heath,	3 75
C. Cummings,	8 26
E. W. Bradbury,	3 49
A. B. Alden,	7 59
C. H. Dimick,	3 00
Edwin Blood,	24 04
A. P. Colby	7 37
J. N. Flint,	3 10
J. Whipple.	2 81
F. W. Baker,	3 25
J. Andrews,	5 18
John Jewell,	5 65
J. W. Bliss,	10 00
Carlos Hobbs,	3 74
John Stark,	8 50
W. A. Moore,	1 25
D. Marshall,	1 50
F. P. Balch,	4 37
W. H. Runnells,	2 50
S. Woodward,	1 50
I. E. McAlister,	1 00
N. Rock.	2 37
J. Richardson,	19 00
C. H. Flint,	50
S. F. Ball,	4 74
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\$270 12	

## TOWN OFFICERS.

H. H. Holt, Selectman, balance 1883,	\$ 7 87
B. T. Washburn, " " "	3 76
G. S. Mayo " " "	3 76
F. Paster, Supervisor, 1883,	6 88
J. S. Kent, Collector, "	55 00
J. N. Holt, Auditor,	1 25
F. W. Baker, "	1 25
F. B. Palmer, School Committee,	40 00
H. H. Holt, Selectman,	63 94
B. T. Washburn, "	40 39
G. S. Mayo, "	32 69
H. H. Holt, Overseer of Poor,	15 45



L. D. Warren, Town Clerk,	49 43	
“ “ “ Treasurer,	35-00	
	<hr/>	\$356 67

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

J. H. Derby, damage to wagon,	\$4 00	
Paid for sheep killed by dogs,	56 15	
C. F. Kingsbury & Co., returning births and deaths,	11 50	
H. Merrill & Son, blank books,	3 25	
H. H. Holt, expenses to Haverhill, March term,	5 58	
Bounty on 2,957 woodchucks,	295 70	
Freeman & Richardson, printing town reports,	12 00	
Freeman & Richardson, printing posters,	2 00	
Asa O. Sanborn, land damage,	40 00	
H. H. Holt, money paid out,	7 48	
J. C. and W. G. Piper, repairing hearse,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$440 66

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Cash due several districts Mar. 1st, 1884,	\$ 112 45	
School tax,	1,064 46	
Interest on school fund,	161 03	
Literary fund,	163 52	
Money refunded from Dist. No. 4.	70	
	<hr/>	\$1,502 16

	EXPENDED.	UNEXPENDED.	
District No. 1,	\$273 82	\$ 5 87	
“ 2,	97 00	6 25	
“ 3,	138 29	15 93	
“ 4,	80 96	90	
“ 6,	72 77	3 94	
“ 7,	121 63	11 85	
“ 8,	130 45	6 23	
“ 9,	110 81		
“ 10,		124 46	
“ 11,	70 75	1 36	
“ 12,	116 67		
“ 13,	87 25	5 73	
“ 3 Orford,	19 24		
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	\$1,319 64	\$182 52	\$1,502 16

# REPORT

-OF THE-

## OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

### PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

C. F. Kingsbury and Co., Med. aid, M. J. Hewes.	\$4 75
C. F. Kingsbury & Co., Med. aid Ruth Call,	75
" " " " " " J. Dimick,	23 75
" " " " " " D.C.Stark,	2 50
" " " " " " A.Bingham,	3 75
" " " " " " C.W.Abbott,	2 50
Grafton Co.,board of Manly Cutting,	78 04
Warren Bros., goods for A. Clough,	2 80
" " " " M. J. Hewes,	14 60
" " " " J. A. Chase,	9 84
" " " " S. G. Lamphere,	4 88
" " " " W. Belford,	11 36
" " " " M. Donaldson,	3 00
Nancy B. Bliss, board Percy Pelton,	35 00
J. T. Sawyer, board C. W. Abbott,	5 00
J. Brown, board E. A. Brown,	43 00
J. N. Sawtelle, hay for J. A. Chase,	1 50
Expenses taking paupers to county farm,	4 70
Warren Bros., goods for G. Dunbar,	3 00
Samuel King, wood for A. Clough,	10 00
William Warren, wood for Mrs. J. F. Rush,	1 00
J. E. Pierce, board Freddie Dimick,	53 00
Mark Donaldson, board S. G. Lamphere,	45 63
J. S. Kent., hay for A Clough,	12 66
J. C. & W. G. Piper, coffin and attending funeral Joseph Dimick,	10 00
	\$387 01
Received of Grafton Co., for support of poor	142 53
Due from Grafton Co., for support of poor,	181 90
HENRY H. HOLT, Overseer of Poor.	



# TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

From Feb. 15th, 1884, to Feb. 15th, 1885.

Received for liquors sold out of town,	129 60	
"    " liquors sold in town,	452 41	
"    " casks sold,	10 50	
Stock on hand Feb. 15th, 1885.	162 99	
	<hr/>	\$756 50

## CONTRA.

Stock on hand Feb. 15th, 1884.	154 41	
Paid for liquors, freight and express,	500 68	
Agent for services,	90 00	
Net gain,	11.41	
	<hr/>	\$756 50

## CASH ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand Feb. 15th, 1884,	\$46 21	
Received for liquors and casks sold,	593 51	
	<hr/>	\$639 72

## CONTRA.

Paid for liquors freight and express,	500 68	
Agent for services,	90 00	
Town treasurer,	25 00	
Cash on hand Feb. 15th, 1885,	24 04	
	<hr/>	\$639 72

Account of the finances of the town, March 2d, 1885.

### AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from collector, tax 1883.	\$729 42	
from collector, tax 1884.	534 04	
from state, bounty on woodchucks,	124 40	
from county support of poor,	181 90	
Cash on hand March 2d, 1885.	454 86	
	<hr/>	\$2,024 62

### LIABILITIES.

Due several school districts,	\$182 52	
Dog tax,	57 00	
Collector,	33 93	
School house taxes,	94 90	
On Orders and outstanding bills,	800 00	
Abatements,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,268 35

Balance in favor of the town,	\$756 27
NOTE—School fund note in hand of the town,	\$2,633 90

LEANDER D. WARREN, Treasurer.

HENRY H. HOLT,	} Selectmen of Lyme.
BENJ. T. WASHBURN,	
GEORGE S. MAYO,	

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor and Treasurer of the town of Lyme, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCIS W. BAKER,	} Auditors.
JOHN N. HOLT,	

Lyme, N. H., March 2d. 1885.



# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The small space allotted the school committee in the annual report of the town will not permit him to make any extended remarks upon the condition of the schools in town, so he will briefly call attention to some of the most important matters.

In speaking of the schools as a whole, it is safe to assert that they are fully up to the average good standard of country schools in New Hampshire. To keep them so, like all other good institutions, its friends must be vigilant in guarding, sustaining and elevating the same.

My predecessors have made vigorous efforts to deeply impress upon the minds of pupils, teachers and friends of education, the importance, yes, the necessity of punctual and constant attendance at school the whole of each term, and judging from the long list of names on the "Roll of Honor" we may infer they have made some progress in that direction; yet, we see by examining the school Registers that we must continue to be watchful till a more perfect standard is reached. The "Roll of Honor" this year will compare favorably with former years; yet I have decided not to publish the names in this report for the reason that all the names are not obtained by the same rule.

I learn that some teachers call the roll and mark absences immediately on calling the school to order each half day, as they should according to law. Others allow five minutes more or less for tardy ones to get in; still others wait till after devotional exercises before calling.

Other errors also have been noticed by the committee. The keeping of this "Roll of Honor" must be uniform and observed strictly by teachers.

The most of the school houses are well located and are good, commodious buildings for school purposes. The structure they call school house in district number six is hardly deserving the name, yet it has borne that appellation quite too many years. The people there know what they need and will doubtless soon act upon such knowledge.

The studies pursued the past year, have been about the same as in previous years, and it is hoped with equally good results.

In compliance with the law recently passed by our state legislature, making the study of Physiology and Hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, compulsory in the district schools of New Hampshire, your committee has, with the advice of citizens and physicians in town, decided in favor of Smith's Elementary Physiology and Hygiene, which he has been introducing into the schools the past winter.

It should not be necessary to have to call attention of teachers and prudential committees to the filling out of the school Register according to law and in such a manner that the town committee can make out a legal report to the State Superintendent. More than four fifths of them are so incomplete it is impossible to obtain correct statistics.

There can be no valid excuse for such negligence. Teachers, with a little help from prudential committees, can easily obtain all necessary statistics. They make objections to the Registers (which I admit are pertinent) saying, they are too complicated, too many unnecessary questions for a country school Register, but this will not excuse them for neglecting to fill all blanks needed for the town committees report.

It is not advisable, perhaps, to single out teachers, by name in connection with each school in this report, but will say we have had some excellent teachers, well



qualified for their vocation, also a few young and inexperienced, who have made their first effort at teaching this season and may develop into successful educators. There is still another class, who desire to teach, want to do something for themselves and would like to be successful; but evidently lack some of those high moral, mental, physical or social qualifications necessary to success.

District No. 1, had one school of eight weeks in summer, and two in winter of fourteen weeks each. These schools need very efficient teachers—secure them when you can. You have been very successful the past winter. A united district and well qualified teachers will generally insure success.

District No. 2, takes a lively interest in its schools of late, and intends to have the best available teachers; consequently have good schools.

In district No. 3, I have observed, at least, three good things, the past year, viz., a good school house, a good teacher and good scholars, also good results by the combination,

District No. 4, generally secures good teachers, and when they give them a hearty support a profitable school is the result. Good progress has been made the past year.

District No. 6 was quite successful in the selection of teachers, and good progress was made in the various branches pursued. Better results even, might be obtained if parents heartily and cordially cooperate with teachers.

No. 7 has had twenty weeks school. The first term was not a success. A good teacher the second term. Some pupils learned well, others failed to do their duty as scholars.

District No. 8 had two terms of twelve weeks each, taught by the same teacher, which is virtually saying satisfaction is given. It is to be hoped that is the verdict of those most interested.

The good people of No. 9 have husbanded their resources well by having two successful terms, one of ten, the other of twelve weeks; and furnished good material for the same within the limits of their own school district. It is good to see all working so harmoniously in this district.

District No. 10 had seventeen weeks of school the past year, taught by a teacher of large experience, possessing many superior qualifications, derived from the drill and discipline of the Normal School. Success followed.

No. 11, has had two good schools the past season. Fine improvement was made.

The school in District No. 12, like all village schools, is difficult to manage, and requires teachers of higher and more varied qualifications than most other schools. We aim to secure such. If we fail occasionally, we look out sharper next time. There have been two terms of ten weeks each, the winter term having the largest number of pupils of any school in town, and was conducted by an expert, a teacher of much experience and such qualifications as are obtained at the Normal schools. Appreciation of such teachers is here shown by scholars and parents putting their hands into their pockets to prolong the school after the public money is expended. All say well done.

District No. 13 has had three terms of school, about twenty-seven weeks in all, taught by three different persons. While it is believed that all three were willing, conscientious and devoted teachers, it is claimed that best results were obtained during the winter term.

Most respectfully submitted,

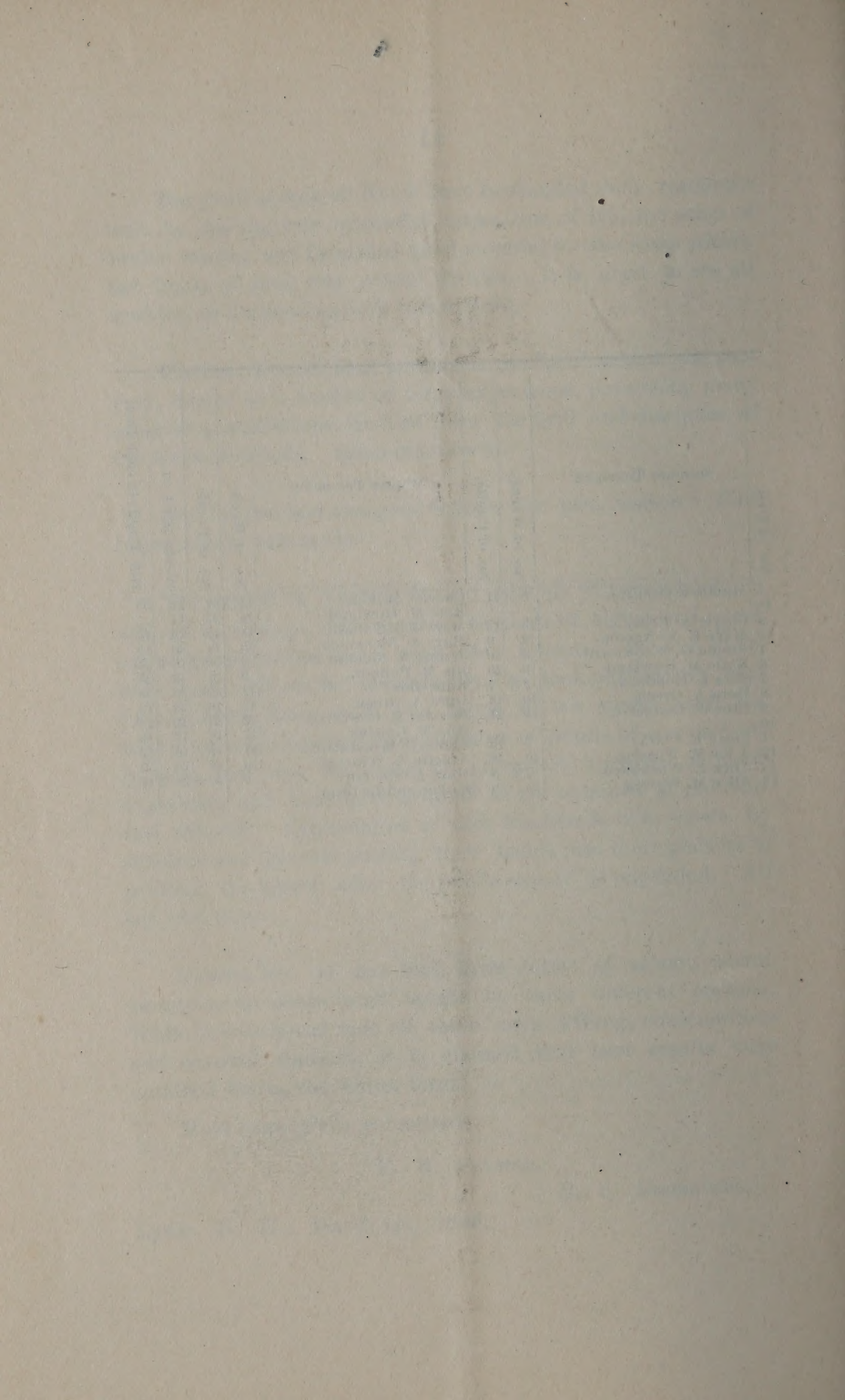
F. B. PALMER,

S. S. Committee.

Lyme, N. H., March 1st, 1885.



No. of Dist.	Summer Teachers	No. of Weeks.	No. of Pupils.	Winter Teachers.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Pupils.	Weeks per Tsch.	Diff. Pupils in each Dist.
1	Mamie C. Staples.	8	41	Charles M. Fox.	14	32	22	59
Pr				Kate M. Howland.	14	23	14	
2	Carrie A. Bliss.	12	13	Mary J. Hurlbutt.	11	15	23	15
3	Mary E. Nickerson.	10	9	Mary E. Nickerson.	10	14	20	15
4	Emma G. Woodward.	8	16	Jennie A. Sinclair.	8	3	20	16
6	Katie M. Howland.	10	20	Ida M. Palmer.	9	22	19	25
7	Sara L. Goddard.	8	7	Kate Olds.	12	9	20	13
8	Dora A. Green.	10	13	Dora A. Green.	12	16	22	18
9	Etta W. Converse.	10	21	Herbert B. Converse.	12	25	22	28
10				Ada M. Cutting	17	16	17	16
11	Flora E. Clark.	7	10	Emma S. Woodward.	11	9	18	12
12	Alice M. Warren.	10	38	Alnette A. Winslow.	10	46	20	55
13	Alice L. Washburn.	7	8	Mary L. Sinclair.	9	3	26	9
13	Alice M. Warren.	10	9	Fall or middle term.				14







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